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Hello Emma, looking at the images of the trees which are to be felled that you have provided, and which are attached to the application, there are none which I would say are likely to support roosting bats. For some of the larger trees such as the Oak T2 and the Tulip Tree T3, if these were to be felled then I would most likely ask for bat surveys, but these are scheduled to be retained.

We could remind the applicant to avoid disturbance to nesting birds which are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Part 1, 1(1)(b), whereby it is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built. However, the schedule of tree works confirms that the tree surgeons will check for protected species such as nesting birds, which is what we would expect from any reputable tree services company.

Any tree removal should be compensated for on a 3 for 1 basis, so in this respect I support the comments made by the Tree Officer on 18th June.

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